



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
P.O. BOX 725
FITZWILLIAM, NH 03447
(603) 585-7723 Fax: (603) 585-7744
email: fitzwilliamnh@wivalley.net

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2015

Present: Mrs. Silverman, Ms. Carney, Mr. Holman
Mrs. Silverman conveyed meeting 7:00 pm

PRIMARY:

7:00 PM PIPELINE INFORMATION MEETING Mrs. Silverman stated that the town website has not been used to post information due to changes and updates with the town website so the town is using meetings to update the public. Mrs. Silverman attended Rindge's pipeline meeting and said that direct questions are not being answered by Kinder Morgan. Mrs. Silverman asked to hear from property owners. Mrs. Bordon stated that Kinder Morgan left something on their door. Mr. Borden stated that he told Kinder Morgan he will call the police if they show up and no one is allowed to come on his property or survey his property. Mr. Borden stated that a white jeep with Texan license plates is being used by Kinder Morgan and that Kinder Morgan put "rebars under the pavement" and two wooden wands with pink ribbons were stuck in the snowbank and there was a yellow plastic spike in the pavement. Mr. Pinney stated that he told Kinder Morgan no one is allowed on his property.

Mrs. Silverman discussed article 8 and steps the town is taking to protect the town and Mrs. Silverman stated article 8 was written by a lawyer. Mrs. Silverman said that the town of Hollis passed this article and Kinder Morgan moved out of their town. Mrs. Silverman stated that the town is not allowing surveying on Fitzwilliam town owned property and she discussed the 128 acre parcel that was donated to the town and stated the donation has restrictions and those restrictions will not allow a pipeline on this parcel and also that this parcel has a drift aquifer and we need to protect this water.

Mrs. Silverman discussed Kinder Morgan's letter to the Cheshire County Commissioner as a health officer. Mrs. Silverman explained that Southwest Regional will help in communications and work together to collect information but Southwest Regional will not take a stand.

Ms. Carney stated that March 7th event at the town hall is open to anyone but the event focuses on how the pipeline will affect Fitzwilliam. Ms. Sable stated information on the pipeline will be downstairs and upstairs at the town hall from 10am to 12pm. Mrs. Silverman stated that people can also find out how to get involved. Ms. Sable stated there will be fact sheets available. Mrs. Silverman stated there will be tables for a variety of interests and people will have an opportunity to connect with one another. Mrs. Silverman stated that we now have new maps. Mr. Goettle stated that Kinder Morgan shows Rhododendron State Park incorrect because they are using google maps and google maps has Rhododendron State Park incorrect. Mr. Goettle stated that Kinder Morgan's website shows a safety radius of 1 mile and Mr. Goettle discussed the 4 classes of zones that the Department of Transportation uses. Mr. Goettle stated that Fitzwilliam is classified as zone 1 and that means a 1/4" thickness of pipe with 20 mile shut off valves.

Mrs. Silverman stated that the 40 properties on the proposed pipeline route will have diminished values and if these properties are put on the market, the proposed pipeline will have to be disclosed. Mr. Peterson stated insurance rates will be affected. Mrs. Bordon stated that Kinder Morgan's information is propaganda.

Mrs. Silverman stated the possibility of a meeting with a Kinder Morgan representative around March 23rd. Mr. Holman stated that the deadline for pipeline comments is before this date and that the town has to vote before the board can do much more. Ms. Carney stated that town meeting will open with article 8 so that people can vote and not have to stay to the end of the meeting. Mrs. Silverman stated that it is important to understand the fundamentals of article 8. Mrs. Silverman discussed the process and stated that 1. Pre-application process by September, survey done, secure right of way. 2. Application process, then the town can file as interveners, then we have a voice. 3. Construction phase, another year beyond.

Mrs. Silverman stated that having prime wetlands designated will help with potential outcomes and help protect our drinking water.

Mr. Pinney said that he went to Winchester, Rindge, and Jaffrey's meetings and that it is good to get information and that the next compression station may be in Fitzwilliam. Mr. Durmer said to encourage people to come March 7th and that the pipeline is not good for anyone except Kinder Morgan; bottom line. Mr. Woodward asked if we are anticipating a legal battle with Kinder Morgan. Mrs. Silverman stated no but it is important that we take these steps with article 8 but we need a vote to seal the deal. Mr. Holman discussed finding alternatives because the proposed pipeline will affect our entire town. Mrs. Silverman stated that it is not our intent to be involved in a lawsuit, yet we do need to consult with attorneys for advice to protect our town. Mr. Holman discussed the possibility of one timber permit covering the 40 properties affected by the proposed pipeline. Mr. Pinney stated that he would want his logger to log his property and Mr. Pinney would want the monies for the timber. Mrs. Silverman stated Kinder Morgan is actively trying to get right of way with owners' approval and stated imminent domain has its limitations. Mrs. Silverman stated that it is crucial to understand the fundamental process and discussed a bill in legislation for buying whole properties and not just a strip of property. Mrs. Silverman stated that you can find bills on the NH Legislative website. Mrs. Silverman stated that writing letters to state agencies does make a difference. Mr. Silverman stated that New York stopped the pipeline with regional attacks.

Mrs. Silverman stated to come to Candidates Night and Mr. Holman stated to come to the wetlands presentation with Jeff Littleton.

8:00 MEET WITH ERIK DURMER
Re: Pipeline information meeting
MARCH 7TH PIPELINE GROUP PRESENTATION The Board met with the Pipeline Concerned Citizens group upstairs in the Town Hall to discuss the set up and equipment needed for Marth 7th open house.

*** **APPROVE MINUTES** Ms. Carney made motion to approve. Mrs. Silverman seconded. 2-0 approved.

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS** Ms. Carney made motion to approve. Mrs. Silverman seconded. 2-0 approved

*** **REVIEW DISABLED EXEMPTION APPLICATION** Board reviewed. All requirements met. Ms. Carney made a motion to approve. Mrs. Silverman seconded.

*** **REVIEW ABATEMENT APPLICATION** At 8:25m, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public session, Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Silverman – yes, Ms. Carney – yes, Mr. Holman – yes,

*** **REVIEW STATE OF NH STREET MAP** Board reviewed. Noted corrections and stated corrections cannot be made.

*** **MEMO FROM WIVALLEY**
re: Email addresses Wivalley email addresses will be discontinued May 15th. Board discussed options for town's email. Board will have Brian meet with them on March 23rd.

*** **MEMO FROM BOB FORD** Reviewed.

*** **LETTER FROM STATE OF NH**
Re: Letter of Deficiency 179 Rt 12N – underground storage tank Ms. Carney asked for a copy.

*** **LETTER FORM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**
Re: snow days . Mrs. Silverman asked for discussion. Mrs. Silverman stated that budget money does not mean that it gets spent. Mr. Holman stated that it would create conflict of proto call. Mrs. Silverman stated that the Board will write a letter responding the the Library Director that town does not pay for part time employees for snow days

*** **CONSERVATION EASEMENT** Ms. Carney stated that this is not the board's responsibility. Mrs. Silverman suggested meeting with them March 16th and bring the survey that was done.

*** **RESPONSE FROM CHARLIE KOCH**
Re: abatement request timber tax Board reviewed. Land owner says it should be \$1,470. Board considered four proposed options. Mr. Holman suggested going with the middle value \$1,385. Mrs. Silverman agreed and stated if he wants to appeal it then the board will require to see additional paperwork on the logging job.

** **REQUEST TO PLACE SIGN ADVERTISING ANTIQUE SHOW** Board discussed doing it per day.

*** **KMO REMOVAL REPORTING** Mr. Holman stated that less than one yard is less than a bucket. Mrs. Silverman stated that Wess thinks they are drilling and removing stone. Mrs. Silverman stated that we do not know what they are doing. Mr. Holman stated that these are unusual amounts to be reporting. Board discussed who is providing these reports to the town. Debbie stated reports are coming from Brad. Ms. Carney asked if during mud season, can he be driving on these roads. Board discussed regulations of posted roads.

*** **NEWLETTER ARTICLES**
April
Blasting, Update on house bills, sign ordinance

Board discussed preparations for Town Meeting
Ms. Carney will talk to Moderator. Heidi can use green index cards. Non-residents will be asked to leave first if upstairs becomes over capacity. Mrs. Silverman moved article 8. Ms. Carney will do article 7. Board discussed recognitions. Article 9 is the budget committee. Article 10 & 11 is Gene. Mr. Holman will do Article 12. Mrs. Silverman will do reval. Article 14 maybe Mike Grab. Article 15 fireworks. Article 16 prime wetlands. Mr. Holman will do Article 17. Article 18 Terry & co. Article 19 library trustees. Article 20 fire. Article 21 Con Comm. Mr. Holman will do article 23, Ms. Carney will do article 24.

Board reviewed questions for Interviews Mrs. Silverman stated that a question on research is important. Ms. Carney will have a laptop with four thumb drives. Board discussed interviewee composing a letter in response to a typical situation that the board deals with. Mrs. Silverman stated that the position requires someone to be a self-starter and also be able to work with the board. Mr. Holman stated that if an interviewee writes about something they care about it may be useful later. Mrs. Silverman stated that having a writing piece will show if interviewee can capture essence of subject and write about it. Board reviewed questions, revised some questions, and chose which questions to keep. Mrs. Silverman stated the importance of leadership and the ability to serve the board.

REVIEW: Various Committee Minutes

Mrs. Silverman made motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Carney seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Hill

Mrs. Susan Silverman, Chairman

Ms. Nancy Carney

Mr. Christopher Holman